

Women Lawyers' Forum Section Report 2017-2018

Here is an outline of activities and accomplishments of the Women Lawyer's Forum from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

Monthly Provincial Executive Meetings in person generally on the third Tuesday of every month (cancelled in January, July and August).

Monthly National Executive Meetings via teleconference generally on the third Wednesday of every month.

September 29, 2017 – We successfully nominated a candidate for the MBA Distinguished Service Award, the first female lawyer recipient, Eleanor Wiebe, and the Isabel Ross McLean Hunt award, Irene Hamilton, and supported the nomination of Karen Dyck for the Access to Justice Award.

October 19, 2017 – I attended the in person National Executive Meeting in Calgary.

October 21, 2017 – We successfully nominated a candidate for the CBA Cecilia I Johnstone award, Theresa McDonald Q.C.

October 25, 2017 – We ran the first in a series of Round Tables at Blazes Bistro.

November 16, 2017 – The 7th Annual Wine Women & Song: Comedy Night.

December 23, 2017 – Contributed an Article for the CBA Round-Up.

January 19, 2018 – Mid-Winter Conference PD session, jointly with the CCCA on "What's Diversity Got to Do with It?".

March 7, 2018 - Sent a card to Brenlee Carrington Trepel thanking her for her service as the equity ombudsperson.

March 11, 2018 – We organized our 3rd Annual Soup Sisters event in honour of International Women's Day.

March 15, 2018 – We had a joint executive meeting with the Feminist Legal Forum (the student equivalent of the Women Lawyers Forum at Robson Hall).

March 20, 2018 – We ran the second in a series of Round Tables at Blazes Bistro.

March 26, 2018 – We sent a letter to the Law Society requesting a discount on fees for part time practising lawyers.

May 31, 2018 – We co-hosted with the Women's Enterprise Centre, our 10th Annual Spring Networking Event at the Prairie Theatre Exchange.

June 13, 2018 – We hosted our annual June event honouring newly appointed and retiring women judges.

We collected donations for Willow Place at our June Event and for Centre Flavie Laurent at our Wine Women & Song in November.

Submitted by,
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